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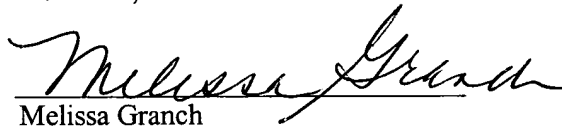
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 23, 2004**

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Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2004. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time in which to reply to said office action, extending the period for reply from June 23, 2004 to September 23, 2004. A check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the required fee is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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